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SUBJECT: OAS DEBATE ON CHILE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

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1. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR VII GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD
SESSION MARCH 2 TO APPROVE AGENDA DRAFT PREPARED BY SUB-
COMMITTEE OVER PAST MONTHS. MAJOR CONTROVERSY IN SUB-
COMMITTEE OVER WHETHER IAHRC SPECIAL REPORT ON CHILE SHOULD
BE SEPARATE ITEM OR PART OF GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS TOPIC
RESOLVED BY COMPROMISE DESCRIBED IN REF B. AT TODAY'S
SESSION, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR MACHIN EXERCISED RIGHT HE
HAD RESERVED TO DEMAND RECONSIDERATION BY FULL COMMITTEE.
SEVERAL POINTED EXCHANGES FOLLOWED BETWEEN CHILEAN
AMBASSADOR ON ONE SIDE AND VENEZUELAN AND PANAMANIAN REPS
ON THE OTHER. BOTH WANTED CHILE ITEM INCLUDED BUT PANAMA
REP WAS ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS TO SEE CUBAN REPORTS ELIMINATED
AS SUB-ITEM OF AGENDA. US REP SAID WE DID NOT REGARD
DECISION ON SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM AS HAVING TRANSCENDENT
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IMPORTANCE BUT IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO HR
GENERALLY, WISHED TO RESTATE POSITION WE HAD TAKEN IN SUB-
COMMITTEE FAVORING SEPARATE ITEMS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS. HE
BASED STAND ON TERMS OF RESOLUTION 243, PRECEDENT

ESTABLISHED AT LAST TWO GAS AND LOGIC OF ACCORDING
SEPARATE STATUS TO IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ON HR.

2. ROLL CALL VOTE ON VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL WAS DEFEATED
7 (US, VENEZUELA, PANAMA, BARBADOS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, T/T)-
9-7. SEPARATE VOTES ON IAHRC REPORTS TAKEN IN ORDER AS
FOLLOWS: ANNUAL REPORT (23-0); CHILE REPORT (22-0-1
VENEZUELA); CUBA REPORT (13-0-10). VENEZUELA AND PANAMA
AGAIN CITED INTENTION TO DEMAND PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR
CHILE REPORT AT VII OASGA AND NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS
EXPLAINED ABSTENTION ON CUBA VOTE IN TERMS OF CUBA'S
INABILITY TO RESPOND IN FORUM FROM WHICH IT HAD BEEN
EXPELLED (BARBADOS, MEXICO, VENEZUELA, HAITI, COSTA
RICA, JAMAICA, PANAMA, PERU, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO); BRAZIL DID
NOT EXPLAIN ABSTENTION.

3. AT EARLIER PERMANENT COUNCIL SESSION MARCH 2,
VENEZUELA'S MACHIN ASKED WHY IAHRC REPORT ON CHILE HAD NOT
YET BEEN PRESENTED TO PC DESPITE FACT SANTIAGO NEWSPAPER
EL MERCURIO COULD QUOTE DETAILS IN RECENT EDITORIAL?
CHILEAN AMBASSADOR DENIED THAT GOC OR CHILEAN DELEGATION
HAD YET RECEIVED COPY OF REPORT AND SPECULATED EL
MERCURIO HAD MANAGED TO DIG UP DETAILS ON ITS OWN, A
PEROGATIVE OF FREE PRESS. MACHIN RIDICULED CLAIM OF
PRESS FREEDOM IN CHILE AND AGAIN RAISED CASE OF TWO
LAWYERS EXPELLED FOLLOWING VI OASGA. FYI: CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION FROM IAHRC STAFF INDICATES NEW CHILE REPORT
HAS BEEN APPROVED BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AGUILAR AND IS
BEING TYPED FOR PRESENTATION TO GOC VIA CHILEAN OAS
DELEGATION. WHILE REPORT CITES SOME PROGRESS, GENERAL
CONCLUSIONS ARE REPORTEDLY QUITE CRITICAL OF CHILE.
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